

Environmental Sustainability Committee Meeting

December 2nd, 2015, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Sherwood Community Center, Art Room

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order and welcome

Meeting called to order by Chairman Tim Killian at 7:00 p.m. Attendance is listed below.

Type	Name	Attendance
Member	Adam Basinger	Present
Member	Jon Buttram	Present
Member	Mark Chandler	Present
Member	Susan Crate	Absent
Member	Judy Fraser	Present
Member, Chair	Timothy Killian	Present
Member	Bruce Knight	Absent
Staff	Stefanie Kupka	Present
Staff	Cathy Salgado, Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation	Present
Guest	Elizabeth Epstein	Present
Guest	Frank Linton	Present
Guest	Marianna Lipold, Fairfax High School Liaison	Present
Guest	Annmarie Baribeau	Present

2. Center For Watershed Protection Webinar Discussion “Get the Dirt on Stormwater”

The committee discussed some of the best practices covered in the webinar such as structural soils (for use with tree plantings), plot soil treatments (such as compost) and some the best soil media for stormwater bmps. The committee noted that there’s potential to incorporate these best practices into the zoning ordinance and public facilities manual.

3. Earth Art Show

Judy presented an opportunity for another committee member to lead the Earth Art Show in 2016. She has requested a member or a volunteer to lead the event.

4. FY16 ESC Budget

The committee brainstormed how to spend the remaining FY16 ESC budget. Judy recommended that the budget could be divided into various buckets, such as outreach events, schools, publications, training, etc. Mark recommended that the committee should give a deadline of March 1, 2016 to members and schools for funding requests, so that the committee has sufficient time to plan, approve and make purchases before the end of the fiscal year. Some of the spending ideas discussed included the following; Earth day event supplies, speaker series supplies, water conservation outreach & education, City of Fairfax School project supplies, fall festival supplies and energy efficiency outreach & education.

(e.g. purchasing supplies for Lanier Eco Club Projects, fall festival supplies, etc)

5. Annual Report Preparation

Tim presented a draft format of the 2015 ESC Annual Report and delegated sections of the report committee members.

6. Planning for Work Session with Mayor and City Council - February 2nd

The committee planned for the upcoming work session. Stefanie encouraged all members to attend.

7. Earth Day Event

The committee noted that they want to be kept up to date on the status of the Earth Day event.

8. Chairperson's items

Tim noted that there are two vacancies with the committee.

9. Committee items

Mark – He noted that he recently attended an urban forestry round table and training session on top soil science (urban development zone). He also recommended using the City's media resources to post public service announcements.

Judy – She noted that Transition Fairfax has coordinated a viewing of "Can you did this?", a movie about the power of gardens.

Tim – He requested that the committee be involved with providing feedback on the Solid Waste Coordinator job description, if funding is provided for that position.

10. Staff items

Stefanie provided an update on the Solid Waste Management Plan and the Workplace and Neighborhood Sustainability Challenges.

11. Public comments

None

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Next regular ESC meeting is January 12th, 2015 @ 7 p.m.

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